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SUBJECT: RADIO/TV COVERAGE OF KOREA AUG 26

1. FOLLOWING IS SUMMARY OF US RADIO/TV COVERAGE OF KOREA.
2. REASONER/CHAPMAN/KOPPEL (ABC-TV EVE NEWS 8/25) REPORTED MAC MEETING. REASONER SAID NK TONE "MILDEST EVER." FROM PANMUNJOM, CHAPMAN REVIEWED COURSE OF MEETING, INCLUDING NK PROPOSAL DIVIDE JSA. DESCRIBED ATMOSPHERE AS ONE OF NEGOTIATION INSTEAD OF PROPAGANDA CONFRONTATION. SAID NK HAS LONG WANTED NEGOTIATE WITH US, W/O SK. SAID SK REASSURED BY US SHOW OF FORCE, BUT ROKG OFFICIALS ANNOYED AT US MODIFICATION OF ORIGINAL CHILLY REJECTION NK REGRETS. SAID SKOREANS HOPE INCIDENT WILL POSTPONE DAY US OPNION DEMANDS WITHDRAWAL FROM VULNERABLE PENINSULA- KOPPEL, AT DOS, RECALLED HAK HAD CHANCE DISCUSS INCIDENT WITH PRCLO'S HUANG CHEN 8/18, IN MEETING SCHEDULED BEFORE DMZ INCIDENT. NOTHING HEARD FROM PRC SINCE, BUT CITED SENIOR US OFFICIALS

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WHO CONCLUDED BOTH PRC/USSR TOLD NK NOT REPEAT NOT EXPECT

HELP IN EVENT FURTHER CONFRONTATION WITH US. CREDITED THAT, PLUS US MIL BUILDUP, FOR EXTREMELY CONCILIATORY NK STATEMENT. SUGGESTED IF NK GOES STEP FURTHER, REASSURES US INCIDENT WILL NOT RECUR THEN CHANCES GOOD US WILL ACCEPT NK PROPOSAL. CITED SENIOR US OFFICIAL WHO WARNED WOULD BE

QTE HELL TO PAY UNQTE IF SIMILAR INCIDENT TAKES PLACE.

3. TOWNSEND/MARVIN KALB (CBS RADIO "WORLD TONIGHT" 8/25) DISCUSSED MAC MEETING. TOWNSEND SAID US INSISTED NK PUNISH GUARDS WHO KILLED 2 US OFFICERS; NK STOOD ON EARLIER EXPRESSION REGRET, PROPOSED SEPARATE TROOPS N JSA TO AVOID FUTURE CLASH. KALB SAID US CLEARLY WANTS CLOSE BOOK ON INCIDENT; THUS DOS QTE CAREFULLY SUGGESTED UNQTE MIGHT ACCEPT NK PROPOSAL, IF NK ASSURES SAFETY OF US PERSONNEL IN DMZ. NOTED US OFFICIALS, ON RECORD, WOULD SAY ONLY PROPOSAL BEING STUDIED, BUT THEN LINKED WITH CALL FOR ASSURANCES. SAID IN MEANTIME US CONTINUES ALERT, WITH B-52S IN SKY, MIDWAY NEAR KOREA. CALLS FOR PUNISHMENT STILL HEARD, BUT FOUND RECOGNITION IN WASHINGTON THAT NK SHOWED SURPRISINGLY SOFTER LINE, TO WHICH SHOULD RESPOND.

4. BOHANNON/KALB (CBS RADIO "MORNING REPORT" 8/26) DISCUSSED EVENTS PAST WEEK. BOHANNON SAID US/NK MANAGED SURVIVE WITHOUT WAR. KALB NOTED THINGS NOT EXACTLY BACK TO NORMAL. SAID DOS DID NOT SLAM DOOR ON NK PROPOSAL; IN FACT FUNSETH SUGGESTED US MIGHT ACCEPT IT, OR VARIATION, IF NK ASSURE SAFETY UN FORCES IN DMZ.

5. SCHWEID (WTOP RADIO 8/26) SAID US REMAINS ON ALERT, WILL CONTINUE INSIST ON SAFETY ASSURANCES, EVEN AS STUDIES NK PROPOSAL. TERMED US STAND FIRM. NOTED DOS SAID CONSULTING SK, BUT NO EVIDENCE SEOUL VIEW HAS MAJOR IMPACT ON US POLICY.

6. MARVIN KALB (CBS RADIO "FIRST LINE REPORT" 8/26) REVIEWED EVENTS IN KOREA, BEFORE/AFTER BRUTAL INCIDENT THAT TRIGGERED LOONY CHAIN OF EVENTS: STARTED WITH UNC DESIRE PRUNE BUSHY TREE OBSCURING VISION IN JSA, THAT LED TO BRUTAL SLAYINGS. US REACTIONS INCLUDED WASAG MEETINGS, UNCLASSIFIED

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MIL ALERT. LOOKED LIKE MAJOR CRISIS. FORD AGREED US SHOULD CHOP DOWN TREE. NK REACTED MEEKLY, WITH KIM IL SUNG NOTE, QTE REGRET UNQTE THAT DOS QUICKLY DISMISSED AS UNACCEPTABLE, NEXT DAY CALLED POSITIVE STEP. US CALLED FOR MAC MEETING. NK THEN MADE PROPOSAL. IF ACCEPTED MEANS FREE MOVEMENT WITHIN JSA WOULD COME TO CLOSE, BUT THEN SO WOULD INCIDENT, WHICH WHAT US WANTS.

7. KOPPEL (ABC-TV "GOOD MORNING AMERICA" 8/26) SAID US INCLINED, IN PRINCIPLE, ACCEPT NK PROPOSAL. IF NK GIVES SAFETY ASSURANCE, STATED CHANCES BETTER THAN EVEN US WILL ACCEPT. BUT US MUST BE CONVINCED NK NOT TRYING SET PRECEDENT, SUCH AS TRY RE-NEGOTIATE TRUCE, WITHOUT SKOREANS. IF US SNIFFS HINT THAT REASON FOR PROPOSAL, WOULD REJECT IMMEDIATELY. CITED VIEW SENIOR USG OFFICIALS THAT NK

BEING CONCILIATORY IN FACE US FIRMNESS, SILENCE FROM MOSCOW/PEKING. CONCLUDED ALL INVOLVED SEEM EAGER SEE FURTHER REDUCTION TENSIONS KOREA. KISSINGER

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